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Silver Says Rest Of Nation Doesn't Share State Views

GREENVILLE (UPI) — The new Civil Rights bill offers proof that the rest of the nation does not share Mississippi's views on the race question, Dr. James Silver told a Civic club here Wednesday.

The outspoken University of Mississippi professor charged that the "fanatical extremism of some Southern leaders" had instead hardened much of the country against the South's position.

Silver has made several speeches in other states over recent months criticizing Mississippi's diehard resistance to integration. But he said this was the first time in more than three years he had been invited to address a Mississippi audience.

He told the local Lions club that the state's leadership had been "deficient and irresponsible" in not admitting that Mississippi had no choice but eventual integration.

"The only option Mississippi has is to make this inevitable transition from segregation to integration on the basis of reason and negotiation," he said.

The Ole Miss history professor said the passage by the

house of the Civil Rights bill proves that the "state's political leaders' extremism has not convinced the rest of the country they should join our stand."